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These diseases all weaken, and to a
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diseases that fasten on weak lungs,
heart, stomach, kidneys, and other
weak parts that we seldom think of.
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catch cold, but if too late to do that,
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LOCAL BREVITIES.

THE HERALD hopes that all its
readers and friends are enjoying the
holidays to the fullest extent, and it
hopes to wish them a joyous and pros-
perous New Year.

Try Smith's nice warm rolls,
baked daily.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Britts, a very
agreeable couple from Ladoga, Ind.,
arrived last week and will spend the
winter here.

Go to Swift's Tin Shop for galva-
nized iron stove pipe, —33

Messrs. D. J. Earnell and James
Brown, substantial citizens of Plano,
Ill., arrived with their wives last
week and will enjoy the alleged
winter with us.

You can always find the best pota-
toes, genuine Maine raised, at
E. O. CORAM'S.

The Masons and the ladies of the
Order of the Eastern Star will have
a public installation of their newly
elected officers in the lodge room to-
morrow night.

For stove pipe and fittings of all
kinds call at Swift's Tin Shop.—33

Mr. and Mrs. P. L. McAdow of
Laocasia Island were in town last
week doing their Christmas shop-
ping.

Buy or order your winter suits
from R. C. Blount.

Having taken a day off yesterday,
THE HERALD ought not to be asked
to apologize for coming out a day
late.

Eddy & Eddy's celebrated high
grade extracts and ales at
E. O. CORAM'S.

It was quite cool here last Friday
morning; so cool, in fact, that the
sunshine felt comfortable.

If you want the best shoes to be
had for the money invested, always
go to R. C. Blount.

The governor has appointed Mr.
Thos. O'R. Jameson notary public.
Good.

Our stock of canned goods is now
complete; big lot just received.

E. O. CORAM.

Guava bushes here are doing the
ever bearing act; they continue to
bloom and bear just as if it were
summer.

When you get a good thing "push
it." I am pushing Hu-man shoes.
R. C. BLOUNT.

THE HERALD is informed that it
was in error last week in attributing
the accessions of the Methodist
church to the evangelistic labors of
Rev. H. Keigwin. They were brought
in, we are told, through other in-
fluences.

E. O. Coram has moved his stock
of groceries across the street into the
store lately occupied by B. M. Wade
& Co. as a drug store and he would
be pleased to have everybody call
and inspect his stock.

In the Christmas edition of the
Times-Union and Citizen, Mr. E. B.
Cornell tells how to train an ostrich.
Punta Gorda's E. B. Cornell has
something on hand that is bigger
than several flocks of ostriches and
he is training it splendidly. It is the
biggest ice plant in the South.

Boat for sale—new, express fish-
ing skiff, painted, with coars and
locks, only \$10. E. Keen, Wagon
Works and blacksmith shop. 60-27

Useppa Inn, one of the most
charming winter resorts in all the
South, will open January 10. It is
under the management of the owner,
Mr. F. Lyon Roach, formerly of Chi-
cago, and is located on a lovely
island at the mouth of Charlotte
Harbor. See advertisement on first
page of this paper and send for
descriptive pamphlet.

Smith bakes square bread, long
bread, French bread, platted bread,
cream bread, Graham bread, rye
bread and all kinds of good bread. 48

At the annual meeting of the
Grand Lodge of Masons at Jackson-
ville in January the matter of es-
tablishing a home and asylum for
the orphans of Masons and for the
old and decrepit members of the
order who have no other place of
habitation, will be considered.

In many ways you have doubtless
prepared for winter; but how about
yourself? Is your system prepared
for the harsh weather, the sudden
changes that you will have to con-
tend against? If not, you should take
Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic at once, for
it not only cures, but it also safe-
guards your health by strengthening
and invigorating the system.

Mr. Fred Lyon Roach of Useppa
Inn left last week on a business
visit to Chicago. He was accompa-
nied by Messrs. P. L. Anten and
James C. Brooks, Chicagoans, who
had been his guests at Useppa for
several weeks past and were delig-
ated with their entertainment.

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BEST IN THE WORLD.

THE HABIT OF LYING.

Ways in Which Prevention May
Be Developed.

How does one become a liar—that is
to say, how does the child discover a
lie and actually make use of it?

We can admit that at the beginning
there is absolute sincerity. The child
throughout all its first years neither lies
nor dissimulates. Its sentiments, its
desires, translate themselves into words
and into acts. Its body is the constant
and perfect expression of its innermost
being. Such is the starting point—sin-
cerity, absolute transparency.

There is a multitude of little lies
tolerated which we treat as pardon-
able. We tell the domestic to say "we
are not at home" when we are; we com-
pliment people to their faces and criti-
cize them when they are gone; we say
we are happy to see some one and di-
rectly after speak of having been an-
noyed. No more is necessary. The ex-
ample has been given.

We lie to the child himself. We are
pressed by his many embarrassing
questions and in order to free ourselves
from the embarrassment reply with
what is frequently a falsehood. Some
fine day he discovers the truth, and the
evil is done. The gravest case is when
the child is taken as an accomplice in a
lie or when his mother tells him,
"Above all, do not tell this to your
papa." This is the ruin of all morality.

The first stage is the first encounter
of the child with society, the first
shock with social life. The child who
tells all he knows, sees and hears, all
that he would better have left unsaid,
is called the "enfant terrible." His
parents do not tell him to lie, but they
tell him it is not necessary to tell all
he thinks. This is extremely serious,
as it teaches the child that he cannot
show himself as he is. This is the
revelation of the lie obligatory. Above
all, among his comrades he quickly
learns to dissimulate, because if he is
naïve—expresses all his joys, pains, de-
sires—they make sport of him; nay,
worse, they abuse his candor; they
hope, projects which he has confided
to them he some day sees used against
him.

Thus the impossibility of living with-
out lying is revealed to him. Society
excuses certain forms of lying which
are inspired by a feeling of politeness,
modesty, shame.

The child becomes a liar because all
the world about him lies. The distinc-
tion between the liar and the man of
sincerity is only relative. There are in
reality only two categories—those who
content themselves with the lies ex-
acted by social life and those who have
habituated themselves to lying more
than society wishes, to lie because of
some personal interest.

An important cause in the develop-
ment of lying in children is the em-
ployment of excessive and ill advised
punishments. The child who becomes
a liar is the one who lives in perpetual
terror of reproaches, humiliation or
strokes. The lie for him is a supreme
resource.—Chicago Tribune.

HOW SALT COOLS COFFEE.

A Little Experiment Worth the Try-
ing Out of Mere Curiosity.

Between bites of the simple break-
fast he had ordered the young clerk
glazed nervously at the restaurant
clock. It was plain he had overslept
himself and was paying the way to fu-
ture indignation by bolting his food.
The coffee was the stumbling block. It
was hot—very hot—but the clerk need-
ed it badly, and he sipped it carefully,
having due regard for his mouth and
tongue.

But time pressed, and, with a parting
glance at the clock, he reached for his
glass of ice water and prepared to pour
some of the frigid fluid into his cup.
"Don't spill your coffee, young man,"
said an elderly gentleman who was
eating his breakfast on the other side
of the table. "You take all the good
out of it by putting ice or ice water in
it."

The clerk was at first inclined to re-
sent the interference, but the patri-
archal appearance of the other man
tempered his resentment.

"What am I to do?" he asked. "I am
late for the office, and I want this cof-
fee badly."

"Let me show you a little scheme,"
said the elderly man. Taking the cyl-
indrical saltcellar from the table, he
wiped it carefully with a napkin, then,
reaching over, deposited the glass ves-
sel in the cup of coffee.

"Salt, you know, has peculiar cooling
properties," he said, meanwhile hold-
ing the receptacle firmly in position.
"They put it with ice to intensify the
cold when making ice cream. It is used
extensively in cold storage warehouses
for cooling purposes, and being in-
sulated in glass does not affect its power
to any great extent."

As he spoke he withdrew the saltcellar
from the coffee and motioned to the
younger man to drink. He raised the
cup to his lips and, to his surprise,
found the liquid cooled to such an ex-
tent that he could drink it without in-
convenience.

"The uses of salt are manifold," said
the elderly man, with the air of one be-
ginning a lecture. "I remember once
when I was in Mexico—"

But the clerk, with another glance at
the clock, thanked him profusely and
dashed out of the restaurant.—New
York Mail and Express.

His Solemn Oath.

A popular comedian tells a story of
a waiter at a London restaurant who
was sadly given to drink. A party of
young men determined to reform him,
and one day they read to him an imag-
inary paragraph from a paper relating
a terrible accident in which an inebri-
ate in blowing out a candle was killed
by the flame igniting the alcoholic
fumes of his breath. James picked
up his ears at this and requested that
the paragraph might be read to him
again, which was done, to the evident
horror of the poor man, who imme-
diately went in search of a Bible.

Returning with this, he expressed a
desire to take a solemn oath upon it.
He bemoaned the fact that he had been
a sinner, a tippler and was bringing
himself to ruin and then swore that
never again so long as he lived would he at-
tempt to blow out a candle.

WRITING THE SERMON.

Friday Is the Minister's Day For
Performing This Task.

Probably few of the good people who
listen with rapt attention to the ser-
mon which is preached to them each
Sunday, says the Denver Post, know
that for nearly 300 years Friday has
been the time honored day for the pas-
tor to go into his study, write the ser-
mon which is to furnish "food for
thought" to the congregation on the
following Sunday. In speaking of this
custom a clergyman says:

"When Christianity was first promul-
gated, all preaching was done extem-
poraneously. Such a thing as prepar-
ing a sermon was unknown. Many
gifted men expressed their views on
various subjects, then added a few
words of good advice to their listeners.

This practice is still continued in the
Roman Catholic church of the present
day, and I think that a very limited
number of the priests ever write a ser-
mon. Not all ministers, however, ad-
here to this rule by any means. When
Henry Ward Beecher was asked on
what day he prepared his sermon, he
replied, 'On Sunday morning, of
course.'

"Well, Mr. Beecher, don't you think
that is a rather dilatory habit for you
to get into?" asked another.

"Oh, no, not at all," replied Mr.
Beecher in his quick way. "You see, I
look at a sermon like some do on a pan-
cake. They can be served hot or cold,
and I like mine hot; that's all."

His Friend Geoffrey.

The following story, told by the
Washington Post, leads us to wonder
which to condemn first, the bonster or
the critic. It concerns a certain man
who has a large collection of auto-
graphs.

Indeed, the envy and sometimes the
skepticism of his friends have been ex-
cited by the number of successful au-
thors who have set down familiar and
flattering inscriptions in his books.
Some carpers have even gone so far
as to hint darkly at a similarity of
handwriting throughout the collection.

He recently purchased a rare edition
of Chaucer, and one evening when a
party was gathered at the house the
precious book was passed from hand
to hand. The owner lost sight of it,
but the next morning he found it lying
on his library table.

On the fly leaf was inscribed:

"To Jack —, from his old friend and
schoolmate, Geoff. Chaucer."

Was of Horne Tooke.

It is said that Horne Tooke, who ex-
celled in that duellike controversy ex-
hibited by two disputants when pitted
against each other with only the
breadth of a mahogany board between
them, was exceedingly quick and sharp
at retort. When he made his most
deadly thrusts, it was with a smiling
countenance and without seeming ef-
fort or emotion. Replying to a man
who contended that only landowners
should be allowed to vote at elections,
he said, "Pray tell me how many acres
does it take to make a wisecracker?"

When asked by George III. whether he
ever played cards, he replied, "I can-
not, your majesty, tell a king from a
knave." What can be more uniquely
comic than his saying to his brother:

"You and I, my dear brother, have in-
vented the laws of nature. You have
risen in the world by your gravity, and
I have fallen by my levity?"—Saturday
Evening Post.

The World's Largest Crab.

How would you like to have a crab
like this squeezing your toe when you
go bathing? The gigantic Japanese
crab, measuring twelve feet, is proba-
bly the largest crustacean in the world.</